White-Nose Syndrome in Bats: What Visitors Should Know



What Is White-Nose Syndrome?

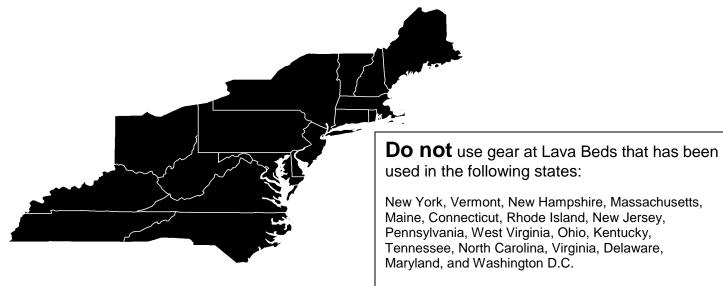
White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a condition associated with **the death of over 400,000 bats** in the northeastern United States in the past three years.

• How Does It Spread?

It is believed that **WNS** is spread by humans carrying fungal spores on gear and clothing between caves and mines. Once it is established, WNS seems to be highly communicable between individual bats.

What Can I Do to Help?

Please **DO NOT use gear** (equipment, helmets, ropes, clothes, lights, boots, packs, etc.) at Lava Beds that has been taken into a cave or mine in the northeastern U.S. in the past three years, even if there were no known bats in those areas.



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